



Woodland Grange Primary

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Seasons Greetings!

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2025. It is amazing to think that we are heading towards the end of a very long Autumn term, where has the time gone! We hope that you have enjoyed the festive performances at school in the last few weeks. EYFS did an amazing job on their Nativity, so many catchy songs. Key Stage 1 learnt and recited some festive poetry and songs. Children in Year 3 and 6 also had their annual, Christmas visit to St Peter's Church in Oadby. Thank you to families for your support with all of these performances. Special thanks to every member of staff for supporting these productions. It takes a huge amount of skill and patience to put everything together and we are lucky at Woodland Grange to have such dedicated staff. Finally, all that's left to do is wish you all...



A very Merry Christmas and a peaceful new year



Some of our brilliant artists in front of our gallery. Their artwork will be on display in the New Year.



All things FOWG

Thank you to everyone that pitched in and helped with the Winter Wonderland FOWG event at the end of term.

The event combined stalls and games with a disco and a chance to meet a very special, Christmassy visitor. There was lots to do and the atmosphere around school was very festive indeed. We are finalising the total, but altogether it raised about £1,500. Every penny will come back into school and go to support every child at Woodland Grange.

We cannot wait for the next planned events in the Spring term. Keep up to date with your FOWG reps. See you in 2026!



A feast for the eyes

There is an arty theme to this month's newsletter. First up we would like to say well done to Haris and Annie, who both finished runners up in the OAK Trust design a Christmas card competition. Their designs were beautiful and they should both feel proud to be selected. Next we have updated our own Woodland Grange art gallery in the foyer with new artwork from across the school. Children in classes were selected by staff, with the chance to have their work framed for everyone to enjoy in our school art gallery. The children also received a certificate for their achievements.

Our art curriculum covers a wide variety of artists, styles and mediums. Everything from primitive stone age art in Year 3 to Islamic inspired patterns in Year 5. Thank you to Miss Griffiths for organising the artwork and well done to all the winners. Why not take a look at the gallery, next time you are near the foyer?



Mr Dandolo with some of his Year 1 pupils. Good luck and we wish you all the best!

Everyone at Woodland Grange would like to wish Mr Dandolo all the best for his new teaching position. Even though he has only been with us for a short time (January 2024) his impact across the school has been huge. We know he will be missed and know that he will be just as amazing at Brookside as he has been at WG.



Going above and beyond

It is always lovely to hear about our pupils making a difference outside of school.

Well done to Rayyan who has recently taken part in a charity boxing exhibition to help raise money for One Nation Charity. With the support of family and friends, he has managed to raise an



amazing £640 which will all be going towards supporting vulnerable communities across the world during the winter season.

The money will be used to provide winter aid packs such as heating, food, Blankets, clothing etc which will be distributed to families that have been affected by global displacement.

We know how proud of him his family are. Well done Rayyan.

Well done Mr Rehal

Huge congratulations to our very own Mr Rehal who has won an award for sports coaching in the Sikh community. This is in recognition of his time at GNG football club, where he started playing at the age of 4. He has moved into a committee role, as well as continuing to play for the club. The award is also in recognition for his work in the Sikh community in Leicester. 'He is driven and determined to leave a lasting legacy in every community he represents'.

We couldn't agree more. Mr Rehal's commitment and enthusiasm has been infectious and it is wonderful that this has also been recognised outside of school. Well done Mr Rehal, you are a star!



Thank you to everyone that made a purchase at the recent book fair. School have over £500 to spend on new titles for classrooms and the library, a brilliant total.

Parking

Thank you to everyone that has supported us with our parking reminders this year. We know that the majority of families always park with care and consideration for local residents. Please remember the following:

- **NEVER** stop on the yellow zig zags outside of school
- **NEVER** park over or block pavements or residents driveways
- **ALWAYS** switch off your engine when you are waiting outside of school



You can continue to use the car park at the Grange Farm pub as a 'park and stride' location. It's very close to school and means everyone gets some fresh air and exercise on the way to school. It also frees up space for local residents to be able to leave their properties during peak times.

Thinking of others this Christmas...

On behalf of Oadby food bank we would like to say a huge thank you for all your donations in the run up to Christmas. The collection box is overflowing with items and we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of families, especially at this time of year.

Everything has been sorted and collected by food bank staff (see pic right). Every item will go to support families over the festive period, making a massive difference. **The food bank is open on December 19th and January 2nd.**



A very proud dad with Dilasa in Paris (right) and wearing her second European Gold Medal in Helsinki (left).

Going for European Gold

You may recall that we have been featuring the progress of one of our pupils with their progress and success in wrestling. Dilasa has already won Gold medals and local, regional and national level. She can now add European success to that list. She recently competed in the Grand Prix De Dreux in Paris, competing in an all boy age group category. She also took part in another competition in Helsinki, where she was the youngest in her age category. Dilasa won all her bouts and claimed the Gold medal in both competitions, beating National Champions from Germany, Sweden and Finland. What an amazing achievement. Well done Dilasa, you are totally awesome.



Children in Year 4 and 5 were lucky enough to visit Manor High School recently to watch their production of Matilda the musical. It was a brilliant experience and the cast, crew and staff were fantastic. Thank you.

Welcome to Woodland Grange

We would like to welcome 2 new members of staff to school. Mrs Webster will be working in preschool and Year 3 and Miss Loebell will be working in preschool. Welcome to the team!

Join our club

We hope that your children have enjoyed all the clubs that we have been able to run during this term. We have always been proud of the range of opportunities that they can bring and we know other schools might not offer the sheer number of clubs that we provide at WG. We also know that none of these clubs would be possible without the dedication of staff and volunteers. Thank you to everyone that has run a club during the Autumn term. We know that everyone will be looking forward to signing up for more in the Spring term.



Term begins on Tuesday 6th January 2026—see you then!

